

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-302

June 20, 2000

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Review of Annual Update to Pricing
Flexibility Floors

ORDER APPROVING
PRICING FLEXIBILITY
FLOOR RATES

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's or the Company's) proposed pricing flexibility floor rates.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On March 31, 2000, pursuant to the Revised Attachment F approved by Commission Order dated July 13, 1999 in Docket No. 99-155, CMP submitted its annual filing to update its flexible pricing floors. In its filing, the Company updated the transmission floors to reflect the transmission prices allowed to go into effect on March 1, 2000 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. CMP requested that updates to its marginal customer and distribution costs be deferred until April 1, 2001 as it did not expect such costs to have changed materially and because it had not performed the analyses necessary to make such changes.

At a technical conference on May 23, 2000, concerns were raised with respect to the calculation of the floors proposed for stand-by customers. It was agreed that the floors for these customers should be calculated individually, as needed, rather than as part of the instant proceeding. Therefore, on May 26, 2000, the Company submitted a revised filing that omitted distribution and customer cost floors for the stand-by class.¹ In its May 26 filing, the Company noted that the transmission floors it had filed reflected transmission rates expected to stay in effect until June 1, 2000. Accordingly, on June 7, 2000, the Company filed revised pricing flexibility floors, reflecting the transmission prices to be in effective after June 1, 2000.

Upon review, we find that pricing flexibility floors filed by the Company on June 7, 2000 are appropriate and in compliance with the July 13, 1999 Commission Order in Docket No. 99-155.

Accordingly, we

¹Transmission floors were still included as the FERC approved transmission rates for this class.

O R D E R

That the pricing flexibility floor rates as filed by CMP on June 7, 2000 are reasonable and hereby approved as of the date of this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 20th day of June, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
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